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Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 584

File No. 282

Cal. No. 203

"AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL NUTRITION."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2002*) (a) There is established, within
4 the Department of Public Health and within available appropriations,
5 a task force for the purpose of developing a nutrition policy for all
6 schools in the state in an effort to assist in the reduction and
7 prevention of obesity and non-insulin-using diabetes in children. The
8 task force shall consist of the following members: (1) The
9 Commissioner of Public Health or the commissioner's designee; (2) the
10 Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee; (3) a
11 representative of the Department of Education who is proficient in the
12 United States Department of Agriculture guidelines for school
13 nutrition programs to be appointed by the speaker of the House of
14 Representatives; (4) a representative of a parent-teacher association or
15 a parent-teacher organization to be appointed by the president pro
16 tempore of the Senate; (5) a representative of the Connecticut Dietetic

17 Association to be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; (6) a
18 representative of the Connecticut School Food Service Association to
19 be appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;
20 (7) a representative of the farming community to be appointed by the
21 minority leader of the Senate; (8) a representative of school nurses to
22 be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;
23 (9) a physical education teacher to be appointed by the president pro
24 tempore of the Senate; (10) a representative of an anti-hunger
25 organization to be appointed by the president pro tempore of the
26 Senate; (11) a representative working with an obesity project affiliated
27 with a local board of education to be appointed by the majority leader
28 of the Senate; (12) a representative of family and consumer sciences to
29 be appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;
30 (13) a representative of health educators to be appointed by the
31 minority leader of the Senate; (14) a representative of the Connecticut
32 Association of Boards of Education to be appointed by the minority
33 leader of the House of Representatives; and (15) a representative of the
34 Connecticut Academy of Pediatrics to be appointed by the speaker of
35 the House of Representatives.

36 (b) Issues the task force may investigate for purposes of establishing
37 a nutrition policy include:

38 (1) The role that both physical activity and good nutrition in schools
39 has in preventing child obesity;

40 (2) Requirements for the sale of food on school grounds that may
41 include:

42 (A) The provision that food be sold as a full meal at both breakfast
43 and lunch periods;

44 (B) The sale of fruit, nonfried vegetables, legumes, beverages, dairy
45 products or grain products as individual food items, provided: (i) Not
46 more than thirty-five per cent of the total calories are from fat, except
47 for nuts and seeds; (ii) not more than ten per cent of the total calories
48 are from saturated fat; (iii) not more than thirty-five per cent of the

49 total weight is composed of sugar, except for fruit and vegetables; (iv)
50 only water, milk and one hundred per cent fruit juice to be sold to
51 students at an elementary school; (v) at middle schools and high
52 schools, vending machines that contain beverage items that do not
53 meet the requirements of this section remain locked or rendered
54 inoperable thirty minutes prior to the start of any meal service until
55 thirty minutes after the end of any meal service; (vi) both elementary
56 schools and middle schools give preference to foods and beverages
57 that contain a higher level of calcium than products of the same type
58 and quality and are equal to or lower in price than the products of
59 similar type and quality; and (vii) fruit and nonfried vegetables are
60 offered for sale at a lower price at any location where food is sold;

61 (3) Fundraisers that promote good health habits;

62 (4) Methods to increase the availability of fresh fruits and
63 vegetables;

64 (5) Encouragement of eligible students and school districts to
65 participate in the school lunch program, the school breakfast program
66 and the after-school snack program;

67 (6) Support and aid in the development of a regular coordinated,
68 comprehensive and consistent training program for school food service
69 staff;

70 (7) The benefits of extended meal periods;

71 (8) Collaboration of ideas from all appropriate agencies involved
72 with child nutrition in an attempt to develop a state-wide nutrition
73 curriculum for grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, with emphasis
74 on healthy food choices, health-related issues with food choices,
75 physical education and local food production; and

76 (9) Advantages of including milk vending machines and healthier
77 snack vending machines in schools.

78 (C) On or before October 1, 2004, said task force shall report its

79 findings and recommendations, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
80 general statutes to the joint standing committees of the General
81 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and
82 education.

83 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioners of Mental
84 Health and Addiction Services and Correction shall convene a
85 committee to study discharge planning for persons: (1) With
86 psychiatric disabilities leaving a mental health facility operated by the
87 state or a state-funded mental health facility; (2) leaving a residential
88 substance abuse treatment facility or any state-funded residential
89 treatment program; or (3) released from a prison. The study shall
90 include an analysis of the housing available for such persons and the
91 need for the discharge plan to include a provision for housing. The
92 commissioners shall appoint members to said committee who are
93 representatives of (A) general hospitals, (B) private psychiatric
94 hospitals, and (C) the Board of Parole.

95 (b) The Commissioners of Mental Health and Addiction Services
96 and Correction shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
97 general statutes, on the study to the joint standing committees of the
98 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
99 health and correctional facilities by January 1, 2003."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>